

# GAS RATE COMPROMISE MEET FAILS

## WOMAN'S SANITY TO BE TESTED CITY WILL PROTEST AS ORDERED BY COMMISSION

### TRAGEDY IS ENACTED AT FARM HOME

Inquiry Begun After Four Bodies Are Found

DAUGHTER IS QUESTIONED

Vagaries of Unbalanced Mind Believed Responsible

LOGANSPOET, Ind. — (By Associated Press) — Mrs. Emma Hobough, 33 year old widow, confessed today that she killed the four members of her family found dead yesterday in the farm house eight miles from here according to Sheriff Walter Bowyer, Ind. case-co. The sanity inquiry for this morning was postponed until late today.

LOGANSPOET, Ind. — (By United Press) — A sanity commission was called today to examine Mrs. Emma Hobough, 33 year old widow, held in jail here in connection with the murder of four members of her family.

Altho in a state bordering upon collapse, the woman refused direct answers to questions of authorities seeking to secure a confession.

Thru eight hours of grilling last night Mrs. Hobough told a story of alleged abuses and indignities suffered at the hands of members of her family, but would not make a direct confession of the crime.

"God told me to because they were mean to me," she said once when Sheriff Bowyer asked her why she "did it."

"They were mean to me after my husband died and I had to go live with them," she told the sheriff. "They wouldn't buy the things my little girl needed and at Christmas they wouldn't let me have any presents or have a cake for her."

Neighbors of the accused woman told the sheriff that Mrs. Hobough had shown symptoms of insanity for months and that they had "feared a tragedy in the family."

Bodies of the four victims were found on the farm of her father yesterday. The dead are: John Bassler, 67, her father; Mrs. Kate Bassler, 60, her mother; John Bassler, Jr., 22, her brother, and Viola Hobough, her 3 year old daughter.

Heads of the four victims had been practically blown off with a shotgun.

Out of the evidence of the tragedy on the Bassler farm and the incoherent answers of Mrs. Hobough to questions, authorities today gathered together the details of the members of the family.

Brooding over her alleged wrongs and the failure of her parents to buy a Christmas present for her daughter, the woman decided Sunday afternoon to kill her relatives, authorities believe.

The father was shot late Sunday evening as he dozed by a stove in the living room of the Bassler home. His head practically was blown off.

A moment later the shotgun was turned on the little girl, lying asleep on a couch and she was killed instantly.

The mother was at the barn milking at the time and she was shot from behind as she left the barn and turned to close the door. Her body was dragged back to the house.

The brother, John, Jr., had come to the home of his fiancée, whom he was to have been married within a few weeks. He returned to the farm some time after midnight and was shot after he had put up his car.

The blood stains in the room where the murders had been committed were carefully removed and the curtains taken down and placed by clean ones. Sploches of blood and brains were removed from the furniture and the floor was scrubbed.

LOTHING FOUND

Authorities found the clothing of the woman at the time in the living room. The clothing was covered with blood and will be examined by the grand jury as part of the evidence by which the prosecutor hopes to convict the woman. The grand jury has been called to meet Jan. 6, to investigate the slayings.

Further efforts to secure a confession from Mrs. Hobough were temporarily abandoned early today to give her a chance to rest.

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### WAGE BOOST IS DEFEATED

Commission Opposes Police and Fire Pay Increase

DEBT WOULD BE LARGER

Forces to Be Placed on Full Strength Basis

Ten per cent pay increase for police and firemen, effective Jan. 1, was defeated in commission chambers Monday night with city commissioners tabling City Manager C. A. Bingham's recommendation pending adjustment of the financial condition of the city for the year.

In the face of an expected deficit of approximately \$100,000 for the year, members of the safety department after agitation that has existed since the pay reduction in 1922 petitioned thru the city manager for a boost in salary from \$125 to \$137.50, or a 10 per cent raise with \$12.50 added each month to each policeman's and fireman's pay check.

Commissioners in unanimous vote after free discussion of necessity of raising money to meet the proposed raise agreed to defer action until such a time when the financial condition of the city will warrant such an increase.

PLAN OPPOSED

"It is not good business policy to borrow funds to meet a pay increase," Commissioner Earl Rohn stated, "I favor giving those men more money as they deserve it but I can't vote for an additional indebtedness to the city."

In discussion with Manager Bingham that Lima policemen and firemen are among the lowest paid in the state and pay increase should be granted, commissioners reviewed the city manager's suggestion to borrow the money from banks and after considerable discussion in which the financial shortage was stressed a vote was taken to defer action until it is possible to give safety department employees the pay increase they deserve.

Payrolls of police and firemen with the proposed increase would amount to \$153,400 for the year an increase of \$11,000 over the total for 1924. This fund also provides for four additional police and firemen to bring the personnel of both departments up to the allowed strength.

Operation of both departments on the same basis as in 1924 would mean a reduction of \$21,000 in the annual payroll from that proposed in the annual budget submitted Monday night for consideration of city commissioners.

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### BANDIT CHASER

INJURIES CAUSED BY PISTOL BULLETS

Daughter of County Commissioner Thompson is Hurt

BOTH FROM MARION-TP

Youth Plays With Small Revolver and Inflicts Wound

Bullets from small target pistols caused injuries to two Marion-tp young people late Monday. In one a girl was accidentally shot by her brother and in the other case the wound was accidentally self-inflicted.

Laura Thompson, 18, daughter of County Commissioner John Thompson, of Marion-tp, was shot in the leg shortly after noon Monday when a target pistol in the hand of her brother, William, 21, accidentally exploded. The bullet entered the girl's right leg just above the ankle, shattering the bone.

According to information, Laura was standing in the kitchen of her home when the accident occurred. William entered the room and took from his pocket a .22 calibre target pistol with which he had been hunting rabbits in the orchard. As he drew the revolver from his pocket, it accidentally fired, the bullet entering the girl's leg. It is thought the trigger became caught when he slipped it from the pocket.

The girl was removed to the office of Dr. Herbert Thomas where an X-ray examination disclosed a broken bone. Her condition is not considered serious.

Doyle Develbiff, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Develbiff, residing near Elida, was shot in the knee Monday afternoon when a revolver with which he was playing, was accidentally discharged. He was also removed to Lima for X-ray examination.

This little thing-a-ma-jig looks like a tape line all rolled up, it isn't. It's a dynamite, a new device to rout bandits. You can hold it in either hand or throw it away from you when you press the button. It automatically explodes 22 blank cartridges in succession. The explosions, according to the inventor, can be heard a half mile. Elsie Sulok of Cincinnati is seen here trying it out.

VERDICT UNJUST SAYS M'COY

Former Boxer is Found Guilty of Manslaughter

LOS ANGELES — (By Associated Press) — Kid McCoy, former star of the prize ring, was found guilty of manslaughter, which carries a penalty of from one to ten years in prison, by a jury of nine women and three men which reported yesterday after 78 hours of consideration of the case in which he was charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors.

"It was the best we could do," said the jury foreman. "It was a compromise."

McCoy's eyes were closed when he heard the verdict. "I don't believe it was just," he said. "I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all."

Defense attorneys, sharing his view, announced notice of appeal Monday night.

McCoy was sentenced to the state prison for life. Mrs. Mors was shot to death in the apartment she shared with McCoy August 12 last. The former prize ring dandy main-tained Mrs. Mors killed herself despite his efforts to prevent her.

Shortly after Mrs. Mors' death, McCoy appeared at the Mors antique shop, robbed four men and shot and wounded Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schapp and William C. Ross, in explanation of which McCoy asserted his "rights went out" after Mrs. Mors' death and that he had nothing further to do for the state maintained.

McCoy was motivated by a desire to kill a man who had sought to bring about a reconciliation between Mrs. Mors and her father, Albert Mors.

The Mors antique shop affair, which McCoy said was a robbery, was the first of a series of three of which he was charged with intent to kill.

LATESTS BOMBERS

BERLIN — State skin designs are the latest in women's wardrobe here. They come in various colors, but the most popular is a sort of coffee and milk shade with vertical stripes. Then there is the gutter snake stock-ings, with long yellow stripes and brown and there a touch of brown or black. Chocolate and coffee shades, bearing blotches and spots, pattern the markings of the water moccasin and other species which do not go in for stripes also are in demand.

WALSH GUARDIAN

WAPAKONETA — (Special) — Petition for appointment of a guardian for Martin E. Walsh, who is confined in a government hospital at Chillicothe, was filed in probate court Tuesday morning by Alice Walsh. Date of hearing of the petition has been set for Jan. 3.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE GIRL

Meet the Crossword Puzzle Girl of 1925.

Because some fair fans of the puzzle pursuit aren't happy unless they are thinking up new definitions or worrying about eight vertical and six horizontal, this crossword costume has been designed.

The costume includes a crossword puzzle worked in a black and white design on a small black hat. The scarf, part of the sleeves and skirt are marked in large black and white plaid checks. So are the hose.

Passengers are Shorty Loses Best Friend He Ever Had

Distress Calls Bring Relief to Burning Ship

LOS ANGELES — (By Associated Press) — Fire broke out aboard the Japanese steamer Ginyo Maru late last night and forced 79 passengers and most of the vessel's crew of 103 to take to the lifeboats from which they were rescued by the freighter Julia Luckenbach according to radio advices to the Federal Telegraph Company here this morning.

Earlier reports radiocast from the burning ship said only five members of the crew remained aboard, but later information indicated 25 members of the crew had returned to the Ginyo Maru.

How long the passengers and crew along the lifeboats and members of the Ginyo's crew were tossed about near the scene of the burning vessel before they were picked up was not indicated in messages from the Luckenbach.

One report said that most of the Ginyo Maru's number four hatch, when the fire alarm sounded and they were forced to take to small boats and were exposed to the elements until the rescue ship's searchlight stabbed the waters near the scene and spotted the loaded lifeboats.

The Ginyo was north and west of Acapulco, Mexico, about 1,500 miles south of here, when it began sending out distress calls.

FEAR OF EXPLOSION

Come quick! was the urgent message picked up by the Julia Luckenbach operator, and by the time the vessel had put about and steamed to the burning ship's assistance the fire had broken thru the Ginyo Maru's number four hatch. The number four hold was loaded with nitrates and fear of an explosion hastened the decision to launch the lifeboats.

The Ginyo of 3,000 tons, owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaishaiki and operated on a triangular route between the Orient, California and South America, was bound for Valparaiso to Japan via San Pedro and San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO — (By Associated Press) — Officials of the T. K. K. line in San Francisco said

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### WOMAN MISSING FROM HOME

"Mystery Auto" in Public-sq Reported to Police

ALL CLUES INVESTIGATED

Some Connection Between Two Occurrences Sought

Police scoured the city and surrounding highways late Monday in futile search of a speeding blue touring automobile in which a man armed with a pistol was said to have abducted a woman and carried her out of the city.

Interest in this incident, reported to police by pedestrians on the Public-sq, was increased when a report was received from R. F. Stimmel, clothing salesman of 116 Euclid-av, that his wife, May, had been missing since early in the afternoon.

Police carefully investigated the report in the belief that there might be some connection between the mysterious automobile and the disappearance of the woman. Conflict in the time that the auto was seen and the woman left home, however, proved a barrier.

Stimmel went to Wapakoneta Tuesday to search for his wife and the local police carried on the investigation here. Reports are also said to have been sent to neighboring cities by Stimmel in an effort to find his wife.

TALKS TO MAN

Mrs. D. E. Dettlinger, an aunt living with the Stimmeles, reported seeing the missing woman talking with an unidentified man on the front porch of their home a few minutes prior to her disappearance. She described the man as being young and plainly dressed.

Several times the girl had threatened to leave home and obtain a position somewhere, but her threats went unheeded according to Mrs. Dettlinger. Monday afternoon she left the house and walked east on Euclid-av, the direction taken by the stranger a short time before, the aunt said.

Police in other cities have been asked to watch for the automobile, seen speeding thru the Public-sq Monday afternoon carrying a screaming woman and a man who was driving the car and holding an automatic pistol against her head. The woman was described by witnesses as young and pretty.

License plates on the automobile were turned up, so as to prevent identification of the car by police, witnesses reported.

Desk Sergeant Bruce Sodders and Officer Watkins covered the city in the direction said to have been taken by the fleeing automobile, but found nothing. They traveled as far as Cedarville and turned back.

COLDER WEATHER

Ohio Again to Be Hit After Brief Respite

COLUMBUS — (By United Press) — With another cold wave in prospect for Wednesday, Ohio today enjoyed a brief respite from zero temperatures.

Today was the first day since before Christmas that the mercury was not hovering about the zero mark in some part of the state.

Rain and snow accompanied the warmer weather in many sections. The mercury rose at 7 a. m. stood at 31.

STELBENVILLE — (By United Press) — River traffic is at a standstill here with the water the lowest it has been in years. The Ohio is virtually clogged with ice cakes flowing out of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers.

SANDUSKY — More than 200 men are employed harvesting natural ice on Lake Erie and Sandusky bay. The ice is 10 and 12 inches thick.

### COBB DOUBTS DEATH RUMOR

NEW YORK — (By Associated Press) — Irving S. Cobb, like Mark Twain, has had the pleasure of denying a report of his death. Mark said the rumor about himself was greatly exaggerated. The latter day humorist in a telegram to the New York World today from Paducah, Ky., says:

"I hate to disappoint anyone, but the Chicago report that I am dead, is so far as I can learn, entirely unfounded."

Substitute Rate Offered to Company is Rejected

NEW SCHEDULE TO STAND

Both Sides Present Plans But Without Avail

Solicitor Paul T. Landis late Monday night after an unsuccessful compromise conference of city commissioners with Emmett R. Curtin, Sr., president of West Ohio Gas Co., on revision of the proposed gas rate schedule on file in Columbus, was authorized by commission to file the city's protest before the expiration on Wednesday of the 30 days time limit.

Compromise rate of \$1.25 for the first 1,000 cubic feet and \$1.15 for the next 30,000 cubic feet with additional consumption price optional, as presented by the commission after a round table discussion in the city manager's office, did not meet with approval of company officers in the conference Monday night after adjournment of city commission meeting, city officials asserted Tuesday.

HOLD NIGHT CONFERENCE

Commissioners and Curtin went into conference at 8.30 p. m. after Curtin had arrived at city hall in response to a telephone communication from Mayor E. C. Moyer. The compromise rate suggested by commissioners was presented and when an agreement could not be reached after short deliberation, the conference ended with commissioners instructing Solicitor Landis for the second time to file the official protest in Columbus before the state utilities commission.

No provisions were completed by commissioners Monday night to authorize a fund to meet the city's expenses in completing the protest which may go to the state supreme court in event the state public utilities' verdict is adverse. Officials assert this question may be taken up previous to the date to be set by the state body for the hearing of the rate schedule.

Solicitor Landis was in Lima Tuesday morning, but is expected to leave in the afternoon for Columbus to file the city's protest with the state public utilities commission on Wednesday.

Discussion of property valuation of West Ohio Gas Co., it was reported, comprised the main issue at the two hours conference of city officials and gas company officials in commission chambers at the city hall Monday afternoon.

EXPERTS ARE HERE

The city was represented by Commissioners Harold Cunningham, Ellis Jones, John Rankin, Earl Rohn, Mayor E. C. Moyer, City Manager C. A. Bingham, Solicitor Paul T. Landis and T. D. Pierce, state public utilities engineer, who was here on request of the city Pierce and his assistants, upon petition of city officials, completed the property valuation of the West Ohio Gas Co.

The gas company was represented by Emmett R. Curtin, Sr., president of the company, Emmett R. Curtin, Jr., Frank Pringle and a representative from Chicago.

Commissioners stated after the afternoon conference that they favored the elimination of the initial 400 cubic foot clause without result, intimating that a second rate schedule proposed by the gas company did not carry any substantial reduction over the proposed rate and maintained practically the same provisions.

At West Ohio Gas Co. headquarters Tuesday no additional information was divulged, officials stating they would allow the rate on file in Columbus to remain in force pending the decision of the state public utilities commission.

AMENDMENT IS VETOED BY KIWANIS MEMEBERS

Proposed amendment to the city constitution covering pay-roll of dues and luncheons quarterly in advance was voted down overwhelmingly by members of the Kiwanis club at the weekly luncheon Tuesday noon at Barr Hotel.

Miss Nabel Kissel, supervisor of music in the Kenosha, Wis., public schools, sang several numbers, while V. N. Zimmerman, bass and Harry Davies, tenor, of the Davies Opera Co., also sang some selections.

The Davies Opera Co. has been operating out of Lima and soon will leave for the south. Miss Kissel is a sister-in-law of the president-elect of the Kiwanis club, E. A. Stelford.

Tuesday's meeting marked the last at which Gibson P. Eldridge will preside. Next week officers will take over the duties of club president.



## COUPLE FOUND IN DEATH

No Outward Causes Known for Apparent Tragedy

BODIES FULLY CLOTHED

End Comes in Midst of Holiday Festivities

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — (By United Press) — Possibility that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holly, wealthy New York residents, may have been suffocated by some deadly gas tossed into their bed room by robbers was strengthened today when detectives reported finding fragments of a broken bottle on the floor.

Attention of officers was first turned to this theory when they noted a sharp, biting odor in the room where the bodies of the couple were found last night. This odor was not unlike chlorine gas, detectives said.

The gas method of robbery is being used by burglars at Calumet, Ind., authorities said recent reports have revealed. Other cities have also reported burglaries similarly staged.

LOS ANGELES — City United Press — Enveloped in mystery, the death of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holly, wealthy New Yorkers who have been living in Hollywood, today engaged the attention of police here.

Holly, 60 years of age and his wife, 55, were found last night. She was in bed fully clothed and with the covers pulled closely around her. Bloodstains were about her nose and mouth indicating hemorrhage. Holly was lying on the floor, also dressed.

The room was in order. Christmas packages were banked around a small tree.

The door of the room, a nephew, said the Hollys spent Christmas at his home and they were apparently in good spirits. He scouted the suicide theory.

Report of autopsy surgeons, is awaited, when it will be determined whether stomachs of the two contain poison.

Christmas cards and gifts found in the house are being examined. One religious book from Holly to his wife bore the notation, "Merry Christmas to You from Hubby."

Another religious book was found at Mrs. Holly's side. It was opened at a page which had this paragraph underlined:

"Life is deathless. There is more after that which is called death. There is more in seeing and hearing spiritually than materially."

MARRIED — Beautiful shelling ceremony uniting Miss Mayne Fair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fair, South Delphos and Ray Cowan, of Ottawa, in marriage was performed at the Lutheran church here Tuesday at 10 a. m.

ORIGINATORS OF "NO CHARGE FOR EXTRA PASSENGERS AND 5 CAN RIDE FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. YELLOW CAR MAIN 4911. "HAIL ONE ANYWHERE"

## Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Quilling, 115 W. McKibben-st., announced the birth of a son Tuesday morning at City hospital.

Annual election of officers of Sugar Creek-tp will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the township house, Gomer, according to J. C. Jones, township chairman.

Judge William Klinger, Colebrook, has been appointed by the county farm board as an advisory member of the Ohio Bankers association, agricultural committee. It was announced Tuesday by H. J. Ridger, county farm agent.

L. L. Weidman, Toledo, is a visitor this week at the Garford Motor Truck Co.

W. B. Kilgore, Dayton, an official on the B. & O. railroad, is a business visitor at the local offices for several days.

N. L. Morrow, traveling car agent on the B. & O. railroad of Baltimore, Md., is a business visitor at the local offices for several days.

M. P. Galt of the National Supply Co., left Monday afternoon for Toledo where he will spend several days on business.

The following employees of the B. & O. shops have been based passes, James Lambert to Edd, Okla., Kirby S. Thomas to Evansville, Ind., Henry Gales to Toledo and William Ferguson to Youngstown.

The Dorcas class of the High-st. E. church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. M. M. Boynes, 291 W. North-st.

Miss W. E. Brof, representative nurse from the Ohio State Commission for the Blind, from Columbus is making some investigations in the city this week. Miss Brof will also be a visitor at the Board of Health on business.

Reservations have been made at the Hotel Naval for Mrs. Martha Hopkins, lecturer of Yellowstone Park, Wyo., who will address the Knights Templar at their meeting on Jan. 5. The program will be staged under the auspices of the Northern Pacific railway and A. L. Placke, representative of the company, of Cincinnati, is making arrangements now for the performance.

Lloyd Evans of Los Angeles, Calif., is a guest at the Hotel Argonne for several days. Evans is here on business connected with the Cleveland Discount Co.

EMANCIPATION SPREADS — BUENOS AIRES — The emancipation of women in Latin America from the traditions that have kept them from earning their living like men, continues to make progress. Fifty women have just been added to the Buenos Aires police force. They have been assigned to patrol the parks, where they will look after children, protect their own sex from flirts and keep people off the grass. They wear navy blue uniforms and black straw hats.

## COOLIDGE JR. TO BE HONORED

Memorial Cross Proposed for President's Dead Son

MERCERSBURG, Pa. — (By Associated Press) — Three memorials to Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the president, who died last July, are planned as integral parts of the campus and buildings of Mercersburg academy, where he was a well-loved student.

The memorials will take the form of a cross in the new academy chapel, a sunshine corner devoted to birds, flowers and trees in some central part of the campus and a portrait of young Coolidge to be executed by one of America's best painters.

Mrs. Coolidge has requested that she be permitted to make the cross her gift to the institution in memory of her son. The sunshine corner, suggested by Mrs. Coolidge, will be the academy's own memorial and will commemorate the boy's delight in the beauties of nature. It will consist of a series of bird baths to attract the feathered woodfolk; a sundial, and seats where the boys may gather when at leisure. It will be surrounded by shrubs, flowers and trees.

In addition to these memorials, Mercersburg academy has provided a memorial issue of the Academy News, in which are gathered recollections of young Coolidge both in the life of the school and in that of the nation.

The school life of Calvin, Jr., was a succession of brilliant achievements. For three years, like his brother, John, he kept his name on the honor roll and was entered for matriculation at Amherst. He was a reporter on the school paper and during his last year was an editor of the school literary magazine.

NOISE IS DISTURBING TO TRAPPIST MONKS

MUNICH — The Whirl of modern life, exemplified by automobile horns, radio, telephones and electric lights, is getting too much for the Trappist monks of the Banx, desiring of seclusion in their present monastery near Bamberg, they will soon withdraw to a remote part of the Bavarian mountains.

Several sites are under consideration, one of them a mountain where once stood a baronial castle. Here it is felt that the penitential and silent days of the Trappist brothers could be passed without disturbance.

PRINCE'S NAMES OUT IN CHRISTENING SHIPS

BERLIN — Germany, building new steamships, has decided to name them after cities of the republic. In other days the names of royal personages were popular in this field and not a few vessels carried the appellations of famous authors. But old mariners reminded the shipbuilders that many steamers named after writers had come to untimely ends, and adherents of the republic are not interested in reminders of the monarchy.

## TED WRITES OF FLORIDA BEACH

Skat was the recipient of a second letter from Ted, Tuesday. The missive was postmarked Miami, and disclosed the bear a few hundred miles further on in his tour of the sunny south.



The cat read the letter while seated on a stone on the banks of the old creek, now covered by a white sheet several inches in thickness. In the letter the bear mentioned Skat regarding the beautiful weather he was enjoying. He described in detail a bathing party in which he figured in southern waters.

After perusing the letter the cat glanced up at the faint sun which hung low in the heavens and called to mind the prediction of the weather doctor, forecasting cold wave number four for Wednesday and the day or two following.

He tore the letter into bits and made his way back to the old barn and the warmth of the haymow, determined to forget his gloom in the realm of sweet dreams.

## PASSENGERS ARE SAVED

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this morning that they had no services as to the size of the passenger list of the Ginyo Maru as it carried no passengers for the Pacific coast of the United States.

At 1:10 a. m., a later message said all passengers had been lowered in lifeboats and only five members of the crew remained aboard the vessel. The steamer Julia Luckenbach was near and was hastening to the rescue.

A message received by the Radio Corporation of America at 1:50 o'clock this morning said the Julia Luckenbach had taken on board all the 79 passengers in the lifeboats and that fire had broken thru the number four hatch of the Ginyo Maru. The number four hold was loaded with nitrate which was expected to explode momentarily.

## NORWAY'S CAPITAL TO TAKE OLD NAME

CHRISTIANIA, Norway — The capital city of Norway recently celebrated the 300th anniversary of its existence under its present name, and with the end of the present year the appellation Christiania will belong to history as a thing of the past. Henceforth the city is to be known as Oslo. Beginning Jan. 1, 1925, all letters and cablegrams should be addressed Oslo, and no longer Christiania.

The decision to go back to the name Oslo, by which the city was known from the year of its founding, 1048, until 1624, when King Christian IV rechristened it, was reached recently in the Norwegian parliament by a large majority of votes.

## SANITY WILL BE TESTED

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"Don't talk to me any more, I want to rest," she said as she was led back to her cell.

She promised Sheriff Bowyer to make a full statement later in the day in the presence of her friends and a minister.

Mrs. Hobough fled from the scene of the killings early Monday and drove to the home of a friend four miles from her father's farm and told the friend she had come to spend the day.

She did not mention the killings until the sheriff arrived to arrest her.

## MIND UNBALANCED

LOGANSPORT, Ind. — (By Associated Press) — That the vagaries of an unbalanced mind were responsible for the slaying here yesterday of four members of the family of Mrs. Emma Hobough, 33 years old, was advanced by officials investigating the case. Mrs. Hobough, who is being held in connection with the slayings, was known to have been demented, the thought to be harmless, for the past 12 years, according to information to police.

## FOUR FLUSHER

Witnesses Called to Attack Character of E. H. Mortimer

CHICAGO — (By United Press) — Fresh efforts were made today to destroy the value of the testimony of Elias H. Mortimer, chief government witness in the Forbes-Thompson conspiracy trial. Additional witnesses were called for the purpose of revealing Mortimer as a "liar" and "four flusher" as the government already has characterized the government's mainstay.

Mortimer who testified that he was a party to a conspiracy between Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans bureau and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor to defraud the government thru bribery and illegal contracts to build veterans hospitals, had a very bad reputation and cannot be believed "under oath," eight defense witnesses testified yesterday under questioning by James Hamilton Lewis, former U. S. Senator from Illinois, and now counsel for Thompson.

"I knew him in St. Louis and I knew him in Minneapolis," Edward H. Green, contracting manager of the American Bridge Co., testified, "I found his reputation was very, very bad and I would not now believe him under oath."

Seven other witnesses including Maj. Frederick L. Martin, commander of America's "round-the-world flight" until his plane was forced out testified to substantiate the same thing.

DIES IN BATH TUB — MARION, O. — Bert Knoche, was found dead in his bath tub here today. Relatives believe he took an overdose of medicine for a cold.

## Charges Solon With Gaming And Drinking

ALPENA, Mich. — (By United Press) — Reckless gambling, shipping liquor into this country in barrel and trunkful lots and the loss of all of her possessions to pay gambling bills of Congressman Frank D. Scott, Alpena, were charged in a cross bill filed by Mrs. Scott in their divorce suit that started late yesterday.

Miss Jane Kennedy, for years secretary to the congressman, was named for consistently poisoning the mind of the plaintiff against the wife by means of "malicious and false tale bearing." The cross bill also stated that Miss Kennedy obtained a trunkful of Mrs. Scott's possessions from a Washington storage company.

Scott along with other representatives frequented the "Boat Club" in Washington and spent huge sums of money gambling, the bill charged. To pay these gambling losses of her husband all of Mrs. Scott's possessions were shipped to Congressman Royal C. Johnson, South Dakota.

"The plaintiff's gambling losses were enormous," Mrs. Scott's petition stated.

A former member of congress from Illinois who was unnamed was accused of leading Scott into excessive gambling.

"Following the example of the Illinois man and the rest of the fast set the plaintiff began to purchase large supplies of liquor from bootleggers," the bill stated.

The plaintiff on a trip to Europe she brought back a couple of barrels of liquor and a trunkful of liquor."

## DEBESSES PARTIES

Wild night parties with army officers, congressmen, millionaires and other men's wives as the principals were described by Scott on the stand yesterday afternoon, testifying against his wife.

"I noticed my friends were cutting me and that even the bull boys acted queerly when I came back to Washington after the primaries in 1922," Scott said. "I protested and begged my wife to drop these friends of hers. She insisted she wanted life and I said, 'On one occasion I found that she dined with Capt. Sumner in a room at Fort Meyer. They were alone. At that time he showed her a trunk filled with women's lingerie and 19 pairs of shoes which he had brought back from France."

"On one occasion Sumner, got horribly drunk and came to my apartment at midnight when I was away. I was told he knocked and told my wife he wanted a drink. She let him in altho she had retired and they sat together on the davenport. He burned a hole in her nightdress and I found both garments."

KEPT DIARY — A diary kept by Mrs. Scott was introduced as testimony.

It read: "Oct. 12, 1922 — Dined at Fort Meyer with Capt. Sumner. No other guests."

"Oct. 25 — Mrs. Ireland for dinner. Mr. Gallacher and Mr. Sheehan." Scott testified the latter referred to Capt. Sumner and Lieut. Sautelle.

Oct. 31 — Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Zeltner for dinner. Some Russian dancer. (Scott testified that the dancer was "Jazz Ho"

Mrs. Scott's pet name for Capt. Sumner.)

"My wife told me that congressional wives were stupid," Scott said.

"She said they didn't have any pep and she couldn't talk to them. She said she wanted just and I supposed just like she even started a flirtation with the dancer at the hotel."

## PARTITION FET BY ME

Free State Physicians Association Denied Government

DUBLIN — (By Associated Press) — The Free State physicians association has refused to partition Ireland into North and South, claiming to be free in the possession of law and medicine. The association has been able to operate in any part of Ireland. The association will have to operate in Northern and Southern Ireland in a partitioned Ireland, not extend to the other.

Free State physicians have formerly had a place on the British medical register, which gave them a right to practice in Great Britain and the colonies. As many Irish doctors are attracted for export this was a valuable right. The Free State is now considering the setting up of a separate Free State medical register, and meanwhile the old arrangement is continued.

It is hoped by legislation both in the Free State and Great Britain to effect an accommodation of the matter about which the medical profession is much concerned.

## GERMANY KEEPS USE OF R. E.

American Efficiency Method Arg Being Introduced

BERLIN — (By Associated Press) — The German government administration is introducing American efficiency methods.

The bureaucracy, through its various departments, is introducing American efficiency methods. The change of spirit is most noticeable in the department of work, etc., in which much of the work is being done. The change of spirit is most noticeable in the department of work, etc., in which much of the work is being done.

As long as the railway system was merely a department of government, there was little done to make active propaganda for the roads. A trained traveling staff is now at work to change this. Just as soon as the railway administration is on its feet financially, more comfortable cars are to be constructed and put to service.

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## Attention, Mr. Cable!

Lima citizens undoubtedly appreciate the work the Lima City Street Railway Co. has done since the new company took over the property in rebuilding tracks, installing new cars and otherwise improving service. They should since a great deal has been done in this direction.

But practically all the work has been done on lines that existed many years ago. There have been no extensions in any direction, the only one proposed—that over the Metcalf-st. overhead—being delayed for the winter season at least.

And while the street car system has been standing still in the matter of reaching out, Lima has been going forward until today the system that might have been adequate a decade ago is grossly inadequate. One need only drive out thru the new districts that have sprung up in every direction, particularly to the north and west, to appreciate this condition.

It may be argued that automobiles are owned by practically everyone who has bought a new home in the outlying districts. Granting that this is true, only a very few families can afford two automobiles and when the man of the house rolls away in the family car in the morning, his wife and children are left at home without any means of getting down town unless they walk long distances to the old car lines.

We will accept the company's statement that the system is not a money-maker as some organizations go. But a modern city that expects to continue to grow must have a street car system that is adequate and that will afford the maximum convenience to citizens and visitors. By accepting a franchise in a city, a street car company accepts the responsibility of keeping up with the growth and development of the city. That is an implied contract and should not be overlooked. This is something for Mr. Cable to consider in laying his plans for the coming year.

The eastern owners of the Lima property are operating the lines in the hope of getting them on a paying basis so that they will realize something on the investment they made years ago. That is fortunate for the city, but we believe one of the best ways of getting any business on a paying basis is to keep it modern and ready to serve. Money was never made out of makeshift arrangements.

Hundreds of Lima citizens in the new outlying districts would appreciate any development on the part of the street car company that would give them some sort of service. Busses have been discussed as a means of reaching these districts. They undoubtedly would be cheaper for the company to install than would the laying of new tracks and the operation of street cars.

Many cities have adopted busses to extend their street car systems, joining the two together to give greatly improved service. Several bus lines could be operated to advantage in Lima. It would not be necessary to have them on as frequent schedules as are the street cars. A bus every half hour would be far better than no transportation at all.

We hope the management of the Lima street car system can see its way clear to better its service thru expansion during the coming year. It would be one of the

greatest assets to future growth that could be provided.

## The Riddle Of Life

Clarence Darrow, the lawyer says: "There is neither purpose in existence nor a goal in living. If we knew where we were going, we could pick out the road. But so far as science, philosophy or history can throw any light on the subject, we are not going anywhere and there's no purpose." Darrow is wrong.

There is a purpose behind this journey we call life, tho it may not be revealed to us this side of the grave.

Life is a spiritual gymnasium. Pain, troubles, burdens, disappointments, heartaches—all these are to the character or soul the same as the punching bag and Indian clubs are to the athlete.

Life is a training for a future existence. Some even believe that life is a prison in which we are punished for sins of a former life.

Darrow continues: "You can make nothing else of a man but man. Selfish, mean, aggressive, tyrannical, prejudiced: that's what man is, and a lot more. It is absolutely hopeless to change men: I don't care how much environment you give him. Heredity and not environment shapes the human race."

This may be true of some men, but not of all men. Nor is it true of man collectively, man as an institution in creation.

Darrow is neither selfish, mean nor tyrannical. He is aggressive; nature has armed him with this quality by reason of the work he was destined to do.

Prejudiced? Apparently. And who is not? Yet, prejudice, whether of small degree or great, cannot be held against the character of the individual. For prejudice is just another name for ignorance. And you cannot blame people for what they do not know.

Darrow is a deep thinker. But his reasoning is shallow when he asserts that "Heredity and not environment shapes the human race." If heredity alone shaped humanity, there would be no evolution, no change—for all generations would be alike, with each new generation unable to advance beyond its inheritance.

We are less influenced by heredity than by the gaps in heredity—the evils that gradually die out. Torture, for instance.

Human nature does change, tho slowly. The average of humanity becomes better, and this is apparent to any one who does not try to make isolated exceptions the rule. An intangible spiritual leadership is guiding us thru the ages. Compared with it, heredity and environment are minor factors in the evolution of man's nature.

## Fire Loss

Important fire losses in the United States soared to over 37 million dollars in November. Highest in 20 months.

Ordinarily this would be considered an evil omen for future business. Fire losses traditionally mount ahead of hard times, many setting fire to their properties to get insurance.

But experts say that big November losses were two-fifths due to poor construction of buildings, which permitted flames to spread swiftly. We seem moving toward the Japanese system of houses built of paper and glue.

## LIMA NEWS HEALTH SERVICE

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY

### A BAD BREAK

Good fellows will not confer covered. The sensible plan, when a degree on a young woman until you really don't understand the essential principles of first aid, is to keep out of the picture altogether and obey the directions of some competent attendant like a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout.

The majority of people are so poorly educated and a little knowledge is so dangerous that a shock and hemorrhage and asphyxiation are but three of the four risks associated with accidents; the victim is liable to get aid treatment. Unfortunately, there are not yet enough Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts to insure intelligent first aid for every victim of an accident, and besides the ministrations of these well trained young Scouts are likely to be brushed aside by the assurance of some ignorant growling man who knows how to do the victim a lot of harm before the doctor arrives.

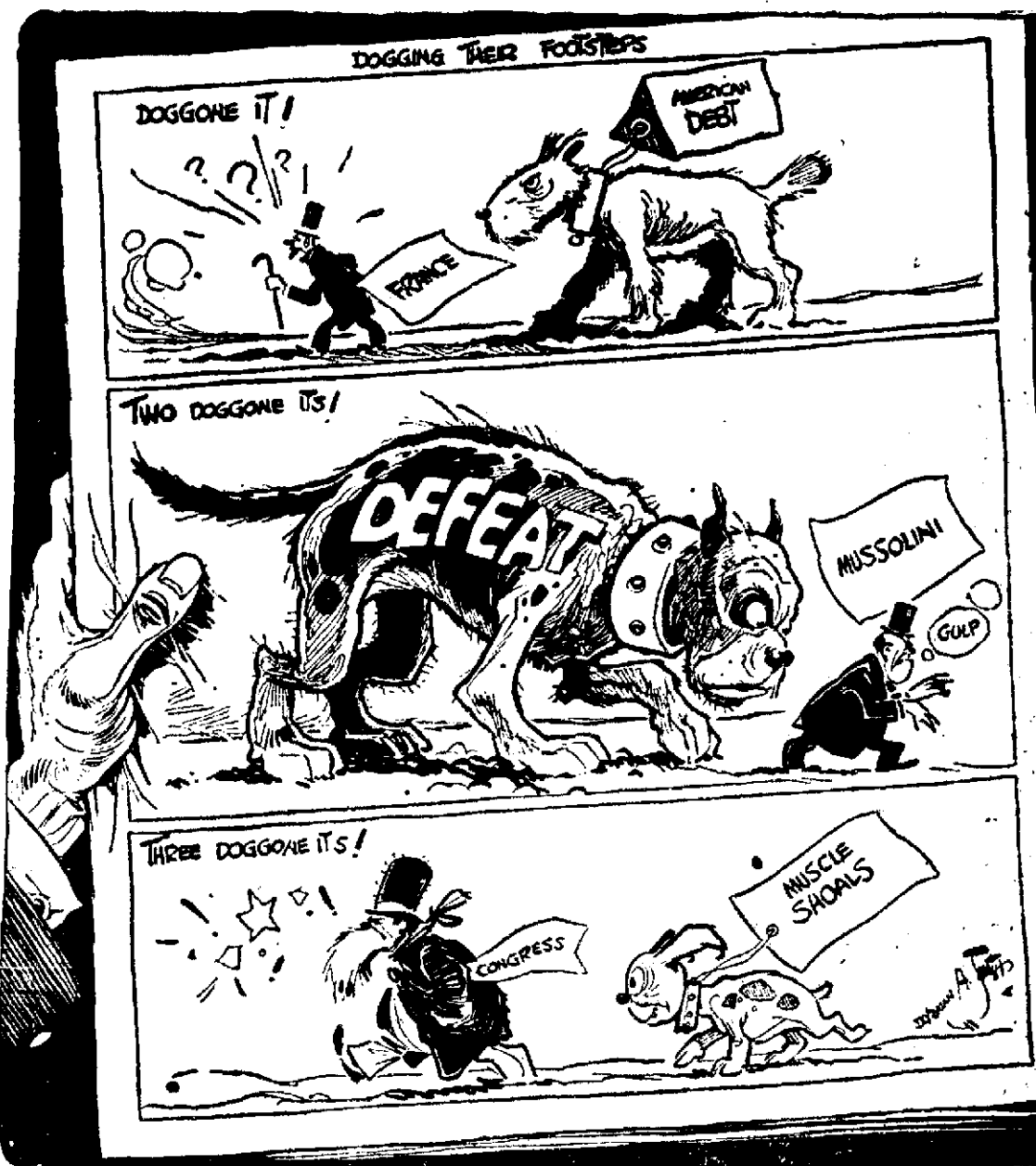
Among the many things which people know about first aid that ain't so, are these persistent fallacies:

1. The common notion that a limb the victim can move or use is not broken.
2. The vague fancy that somebody ought to "pump the arms" or "roll on a barrel" the victim of a drowning accident.
3. The strange idea that a victim of frostbite must be froze a little more.
4. The dime novel belief that a "draught of brandy" will revive anybody from any form of coma.
5. The dream that plomatin poisoning occurs.
6. The curious superstition that severe exposure is likely to cause pneumonia. This one clashes somewhat with No. 3, but it would be stranger if common sense or logic were found in these fallacies.
7. The idiotic conception that killing the dog that has bitten someone prevents the victim from "going mad."
8. The tradition that "blood poisoning" (septicemia) is due to rust, dye, verdigris or something else visible to the unaided eye.

These fallacies lead to much maltreatment and neglect of proper treatment in first aid. In one instance an individual who has sustained a fracture of the leg near the ankle (Pott's fracture, physicians call it) was subjected to the torture of a tourniquet about the ankle for the half hour till the doctors arrived, thanks to the clouded notions of the bystanders about "first aids." In another instance, the untrained but officious bystander not only tortured the victim of a broken thigh bone by "pulling on the leg to hold it in place" but wrought damage to the muscles which added weeks to the disability of the unfortunate patient.

A word to the wise is sufficient, but nothing less than a sentence will do for those who have had no education in first aid. If you don't know what to do don't do anything. There is usually no harm done by rubbing the victim's wrists and if anybody should rush up with a flask of brandy, help yourself to a draught of it but spare the victim until he is re-

## THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER



## JUST FOIKS

By EDGAR A. GUNST

**SUPPOSE**  
If you had never seen the sun,  
Or never once had heard  
A riddle in summer sun  
Or singing summer bird.  
If all the skies you'd known were gray  
You'd laugh through many a winter day.

If you had never felt a breeze  
Blow warm across your face,  
Had never dreamed "moss" leaty  
In some sequestered place,  
You'd brave the snow drifts that  
You could  
And think that winter was  
good.

But all those "just suppose"  
Which you have seen and lost  
Come back to you in happy ways  
Of drifting snow and frost,  
And winter's magic black to you  
Because you've seen them once  
before.

If you had not known the  
Before you came to tears,  
Had grief upon your face,  
Some way you'd brave the  
years  
But having loved and having  
smiled  
To grief you stay unrepentant.

Yet winter tucks the sky to  
gray  
And summer joys depart,  
And unto each there comes the  
day  
When sorrow folds the heart:  
You sigh through life when joy  
has flown  
But what if love you'd never  
known?  
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## A THOUGHT

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not... for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. — Deut. 31:6.

God holds with the strong. — Mazzini.

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**Knock Kne**  
What do you suggest to cure knock knee in a child 2 years 5 months old? Would a bicycle be good for her? Would cod liver oil be good? (Mrs. D. N.)

Answer:—Perhaps a tricycle, or velocipede, would be good for her. Better have her examined by an orthopedic physician.  
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Infected Finger**  
What causes what is known as infected finger or infected hand? This is a physician's condition and it is due to the finger being subject to such things as I have been having one case of infection after another about face, hands and body, all of which had to be treated. How can I prevent recurrence of such attacks? A friend tells me to apply a puslike made of the best cod liver oil mixed with lard. Could that possibly be of any benefit? (Mrs. C. N.)

Answer:—From the data we have before us, we are inclined to believe that the infection is probably responsible in some degree for the repeated attacks. For being in doubt or in darkness you are, you probably do not take great pains to prevent spreading the infection from the old sore to a suitable place for a new one. Some thing like that is concerned in the propagation of boils. In persons who prefer to walk in the twilight, let the sun shine when it will, infection means the invasion of the tissues involved by certain types of germs, which have the faculty of forming a suppurative festering. It is purely a surgical problem calling for surgical treatment. That does not necessarily imply having or other operation. It does imply surgical cleanliness, asepsis. You cannot even get a wart that means until you have observed how the doctor and nurse use it. But if you take your medical friend's advice and apply any such "puslike" as she suggested, you may be sure there will be no benefit in your case. No doubt once physical condition has much to do with one's susceptibility to the pus germ infection, but just what influences may be concerned

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## 'ROUND LIMA HOUR BY HOUR

BY OH. OH. JACKENRIM

A Page from the Diary of an Antiquated Reporter: Up, in fairish mood, after a good night

**ABE MARTIN**



Another business that has done well since the "saloon" closed is the business of printing. The words puzzles ought to be a good education for the folks that say nothing but fine and

without subconscious buttin in. Breakfasted lightly, on radishes, prunes, buckwheat cakes and baby sausages.

By taxi down, stopping at the post. Saluted by nothing costing money. Howbeit, left my old gray bombur for cleansing and new hat band, at a rectory for such, it being my only new piece of haberdashery in many moons. Except a few donated by my wife, on the natal day.

Around and about, my bankers very agreeable. Thither for trim and Mear. Tells himself beckoned me to his chair. The discourse on a cold drive towards Van Wert, albeit only froze two fingers and a thumb. Which caused him to chip off a bit of snow.

To live and keep going these days you gotta keep not only on the jump, but your overcoat tightly buttoned and plenty of alcohol in your radiator, instead of your stomach.

Lunched with the noble Rotarians, Harry getting back to the veal, with slaw as a filler. Among notables present, Mr. and Mrs. David, too much resembling Buffalo Bill, albeit a real bugle player. And she, the queen of the ivory, betimes. L. M. Bar-

ry, a telephoner, with Mr. Simon-ton, and John J. Jarvis, the blanket king, these days in his prime, were about the white lined tables.

In the afternoon, to Chief Lancker's Place. And there had my picture took for the police movies and regues' gallery. The first face I saw was that of Pete Hulsken, the architect; and the next George Glover, the noble churchman. Good company, methot.

As Al Stolzenbach, president of the Morgue club, says, keep in good flower with the poe-tion, and always tell your wife everything. Then neither law or your neighbor can put over anything on you, in fair weather or snow.

In the evening, by radio to the Hotel Astor, and attended the Peace Prize dinner to Lord Vis-count Cecil, who runs a very good Deanery, just off the Strand. Seated hardly was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as a guest. Vis-count Cecil drew the big prize of \$25,000 and the gold medal. Howbeit, think he would enjoy the brave money more than the tag.

So, rather late on a beaker of grapejuice with an egg sandwich trimmed in dill pickle, to bed.































